

APTA-GoBabyGo Centennial Celebration Service Initiative



About GoBabyGo

The GoBabyGo project was started at the University of Delaware and has been adopted by schools and service groups around the world. Its mission is focused on increasing mobility and quality of life solutions for children whose access to such may be limited during their early developmental years for a variety of reasons. An innovative movement for inclusiveness, its growth is a testimony to the project's success. Centered around the modification of ride-on cars for children with disabilities, the network of engaged participants and leaders has expanded as individuals and organizations independently spearhead their own programs to build ride-on cars for children in their communities.

The History of the APTA/GoBabyGo Relationship

APTA has a long history with GoBabyGo which includes hosting builds at CSM, Student Conclave, and NEXT. Additionally, GoBabyGo has been featured in research presentations from the level of posters to invited talks at our national conferences. In 2018, APTA funded and participated in a build modifying cars for children with mobility needs in the local DC metro area.

GoBabyGo Service Opportunities

If you'd like to be involved in a service initiative that supports GoBabyGo's mission to increase mobility for children, here are a few options for you to consider:

- **Learn more about GoBabyGo:**
 - The [Facebook page](#) is a great place not only to see updates from the project and relevant news stories, but also to connect with other clinicians. Moreover, the page contains photos and videos of ride-cars modified by parents, clinicians, and the GoBabyGo team. These photos and videos may give you additional ideas for modifying and using ride-on cars.
 - The [YouTube channel](#) includes several videos that demonstrate how to make basic modifications to ride-on cars.

- **Get Involved:**
 - Join a build! Contact GoBabyGo's Cole Galloway at jacgallo@udel.edu to learn about programs in your area.

- If you're interested in starting a program in your community, Cole Galloway can pair you with one of the local GoBabyGo Chapters or robotics clubs.

Share Your Achievements

During and after your own service initiative it is important that you engage your colleagues, other APTA members, and potential members. We want to be inclusive of the entire profession when we're giving back, and what a great way to do good, and at the same time, engage other physical therapists.

- **Recruit Service Activity Volunteers via APTA Engage**

List your event on APTA Engage to publicize your event and recruit volunteers.

- **Share Your Event on the Centennial Celebration Calendar**

If you plan to hold an event, be sure to add it to the events calendar on the [APTA Centennial Celebration microsite](#). This is the central place to share activities and events that are available in your area.

- **Social Media**

Share your activities with your social media followers on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. And be sure to tag APTA, aptapics, and @APTAtweets on each platform respectively, and use the hashtag **#APTA100** on all of your social media posts. Share photos, videos, and stories, and encourage your colleagues, family, and friends to do the same.

- **Keep APTA National in the Loop**

Let us know what you're planning and how things went. Share your photos and stories with us via the [online form](#) on our centennial celebration microsite.

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